1	2	3	4
3	Bihar	117,48	223,10
4	Gujarat	73,38	81,40
5	Haryana	22,40	19,82
6	Himachal Pradesh	7,33	10,24
7	Jammu & Kashmir	10,07	15,47
8	Karanataka	67,02	91,95
9	Kerala	48,64	69,43
10	Mahdya Pradesh	90,59	154,73
11	Maharashtra	134,88	154,98
12	Manipur	2,32	4,06
13	Meghalaya	2,19	3,40
14	Nagaland	1,05	1,62
15	Orissa	46,05	77,59
16	Punjab	33,42	32,19
17	Rajasthan	53,74	83,94
18	Sikkim	—	—
19	Tamil Nadu	99,13	139,68
20	Tripura	3,18	4,97
21	Uttar Pradesh	190,00	330,70
22	West Bengal	98,74	144,04
	TOTAL:	1231,47	1845,98

(c) There are no plans to bring surcharge under divisible pool. This surcharge was discontinued from 1985-86.

Removal of sales tax, customs and excise duties on medicines

2597. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Indian Medical Association has urged the Government to remove sales tax, customs and excise duties on medicines to bring them within the reach of the poor;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to grant total exemption from customs and excise duties on all medicines. However, a number of medicines are statutorily free of customs duty under

Chapter 99 of First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. Besides, a number of life-saving drugs have been exempted from duties of excise and customs by notification. As regards Sales Tax which is a State Government subject the question of replacing sales Tax by additional excise duty was examined by a Committee in 1983 and the same is under consideration in consultation with the State Governments.

Study into uranium smuggling in Bihar

2598. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from the Atomic Energy Commission visited Bihar to study the problem of uranium smuggling;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry; and

(c) the steps taken to check smuggling of uranium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have received some reports about smuggling of uranium and these are being looked into.

Biased attitude of Doordarshan

2599. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan completely blacked out the Punjab Chief Minister's Press Conference held at Chandigarh on the 21st January, 1987;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the Press Report appearing in the 'Times of India' of 2nd February, 1987 about the bitter feelings expressed by the daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for totally biased attitude and complete ignorance of her presence by Doordarshan in the official functions attended by her; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reported statement of Mrs. Anita Bose Pfaff is not entirely based on facts. Her presence at Calcutta was covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta and was also carried in the National News bulletin put out from Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi. However, the function attended by her at Rashtrapati Bhawan could not be covered.

Re-Schedulement of loan given to Bombay Dyeing

2600. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from M/s. Bombay Dyeing regarding re-schedulement of loan given by the State Bank and the Union Bank of India for rehabilitation of certain projects and in respect of DMT project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to extend this facility to other sick units also; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The State Bank of India and Union Bank